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[1] OF THE VIRTUES

Much ado has been made about the value of the virtues so I shall not use (or should I say waste) my time and energies in prolonging that agony. And agony it is, for if even the smallest pursuit of something so incomprehensibly naive is anything, it is agony. I say this not out of malice, but of pity. For what is it but pitiable when one sets forth an idea or principle that is entirely beyond one's effective reach? That is to say, although the idea may be sought, nurtured and occasionally practiced by even a willing majority, it is, for all real purposes, impossible to practice with any consistency. And when you find someone who truly **does** practice it consistently, you find two things:

1) they are in the minority, and 2) are held in bitter contempt by the rest. Often they then fail themselves due to excessive pride in their accomplishment of it, or they grow angry and

spiteful to those who do
not appreciate them.
Rare then, is the
person who can truly
follow the idea or ideals
that comprise the eight
virtues set forth by Lord
British.

Any goal, I say,
that is worth pursuit
must be one attainable,
not without some
difficulty, of course, but
attainable by the masses,
so that they may know it
is within themselves and
themselves alone to
become some great thing
or accomplish a great and
noble task.

That, the virtues can
never do, and that is why
they, while a noble ideal,
fail so utterly. They ask
more than mortal men
can give and therefore
become gods: pitiless and
condemnatory, without
that which they demand
of others: compassion.
The virtues, therefore,
must be rejected, not as
an ideal, for there is
some worth to it, but as
an all-encompassing
mindset that prevades,
nay, invades, every corner
of one's life, making one
bow to its own will,
leaving them bereft of
joy, peace, and the sense
of accomplishment that all
men and women naturally
and inevitably seek.

Thus, admire the
virtues, practice them if
you wish, but nay bow to
them, for they are mere
taskmasters, robed in
white---the ethereal
vapors that cloud and fill
one's dreams, but, upon
awaking, we wave away
with a passing smile and
a fond memory of

something beautiful, but
not real.

[2] OF HARMONY

Akin to the virtues is
the ideal that, for things
to be as they should be,
there must be a balance,
or, as some choose to
frame it, harmony.
Such folly is evident
by a very scant
examination of the world
in which we exist. There
is no harmony. There is
only conflict, the eternal
struggle for supremacy
and the desire to
dominate the weak.

Thus, to affirm and
pursue any philosophy or
code or ideal centered in
such a concept is the
very antithesis of reality
and will, if pursued too
far, drive one mad.
For how can anyone
claim that harmony is the
way of things, or that
which is to be sought,
when all around is the
very opposite: killing, war,
conflict, decay and death?

Why would any sane
person seek to make all
things harmonious,
therefore? It is an
impossible task for it
faces the insurmountable:
the fact that all nature
denies it!

I speak specifically of
those misguided and
deluded persons who
follow the druidic ways of
the goddess Concordia,
whose full name means
Seeker of Harmony.
They call for harmony,
but in reality seek to
dominate by force,
destroying those who
disagree with their
beliefs.
Reject "harmony" for

it is merely the smile of
the cutpurse out to steal
your coin while sliding a
dagger in your back.